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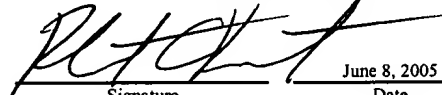
Title: Message Gates Using a  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 11, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the application as indicated below.